Table A: Comparison of Children's Divorce Programs In Canada

Jurisdiction	Name	Length of Program	Age Groups	Vol/ Mandatory	Fee	Other
British Columbia Kelowna Burnaby Victoria Lower Mainland	*Children and Change* *Information Children* *Caught in the Middle* *The Ark*	8 weeks 4 sessions (2 hrs) 6 weeks 6 weeks	7-9 yrs and 9-12 yrs 9-12 yrs 6-12	Vol Vol Vol Vol	n/k $50 per adult, $35 per child	Involves the parents. Children develop their own workbook Parents program runs concurrently with the children's group Involves the parents. Partly funded by government.
Alberta						No court connected programs. Private agency referrals
Saskatchewan	*Children Experiencing Separation or Divorce*	four 2 hr sessions	6-9 9-12 12- 16	Vol	Free for Family Conciliation Services	Piloted 2x in Regina social services. Curriculum has been given to local agencies and the government does not run the program. 3 videos
Manitoba	*Caught in the Middle*	10 sessions Tues 6:00 – 7:30	8 – 12 (In practice 8-10)	Vol	Free for Family Conciliation Services clients	Offered twice a year by Manitoba Conciliation Services Problem filling the classes. Currently being reviewed.
Ontario	*Waterloo Catholic Family Services* *Families in Transition*	8 sessions 90 min	all age groups all age groups	Vol	Sliding scale Sliding scale	No court connected programs. Services offered through community agencies and churches. Video *Kids Talk About Divorce*
Quebec	*Centres Jeunesse*	varies	varies	Vol	free	Judges and mediators can recommend it. Funded extensively by prov. government. Some programs in the courts. Also other organizations such as hospitals, churches
New Brunswick						No court specialized services offered to children. Referred to services offered by the Departments of Health, Education or Community Services.
Nova Scotia	*Family Service Association of HRM*			Vol		No court connected programs. Some community based ones such as Rainbows.

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Prince Edward Island Charlottetown	*Pownal House- Catholic Family Services*			Vol		Some programs run by community agencies.
Newfoundland	*Supportive Education Group for Children*	8 weeks		Vol		Was through the Supreme Court unified family court until 3 years ago. There is no legislative authority for the program. Now offered through local mental health services.
Yukon				Vol		No specialized services are offered directly to children. Cases referred to services offered by the Department of Health and Social Services, Family and Children's Services Branch, or community services.
Nunavut						No information available
Northwest Territories						No information available

Table B: Comparison of Children's Divorce Programs United States and Australia

Jurisdiction	Name	Length of Program	Age Groups	Vol/ Mandatory	Fee	Other
UNITED STATES						
	Sandcastles Program	One 3.5 hr. session	6-7, 8-10, 11-13, 14-17	Mand/ Vol	varies	Offered in Texas, Wyoming, Wisconsin, Ohio, Idaho, Florida, Canada, Holland, South Africa. Over 100,000 have completed it.
	Rainbows	12 sessions	4-5, 6-7, 8-10, 11-12 and teens	Vol	no	Many locations. Deals with all kinds of grief.
California San Francisco Paulo Alto Newport Beach	*Kids Turn* *About Kids* *Planet Divorce*	6 sessions-90 min each 6 sessions 8 0ne hr sessions	4-17 K- 6	Vol Vol	Sliding scale for parents, child free. n/k $175.	Parents participate. Meets at schools or community centres. 20 workshops a year. Parents and child meet separately
New York	*Children of Divorce Intervention Program (CODIP)*	12-15 sessions	K- 8	Vol	n/k	
Oregon	*Children's Divorce Group* *Families First (Rollercoasters)*	n/k 8 sessions	 9-12 years	Vol Vol	Sliding scale	Part of Co-parenting: Children in Changing Families (required course). Parents meet with a facilitating counselor prior to and after the children's groups to ensure that the needs of both children and the family are addressed. Also in several states. Based on Wallerstein's six psychological tasks for children whose parents have separated.
Missouri	*FOCIS (Focus on Children in Separation)*	4 hrs (two- 2 hrs). weeknights, Sat.	6-12 13-17	Mand	Adults $30 Lower income, $15 (court reimburses provider for other 15). Children free	Conducted by providers in universities, elementary school, church, child abuse prevention association. A Parent must attend

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Washington					varies	No state wide program. Private programs
Arizona	*Children of Divorce Program* *Divorce Discovery Groups*	11 weeks 8 weeks	8-15 age groups	Vol Vol	donation	Attend with mothers. 11-week program that strengthens a mom's parenting skills and her child's ability to cope following a divorce Many programs for both parents and children. Parent participation
Kentucky, Delaware, Indiana	*Families in Transition*	Three 2 hour sessions	5-16	Mand	n/k	Similar to Families in Transition programs. One parent accompanies the child and attends a separate session for adults. The other parent must attend three divorce education meetings at a different time or location.
Florida	*Divorce Education Program (Sandcastles)*	3.5 hours night and weekends	6-17	Mand	$18.00 and $26.00 each. Fees waived if lower income	The parent who brings the child to class is invited to sit in on the last 30 minutes. If there is no restraining order, the other parent may also attend Parents must also attend another class.
Hawaii	*Kids First*	Wed 5:00 – 7:15		Mand	n/k	Video Purple Family. Parents and children attend, but meet separately. The children a re subsequently divided into two groups teens, and younger for activities.
AUSTRALIA						
Australia	*Children First* *Captains of Courage* *Kid's Space*	n/k 7 - 90 min sessions 8 sessions, 2 hrs	5-15 5-12	Vol Vol Vol	n/k n/k	In the early 90s, the government- run conciliation services ran a number of programs for children of divorce. These no longer exist. Now most programs are sponsored and funded by the Commonwealth Department of Family & Community Services and run out of community agencies. 1995 special program for high conflict families (children 8-13) based on J. Johnston model Fantasy program of space ship Parents must attend the first and last session and last ½ hour of each session.